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2. In *Shakespeare*, vulgar; mean; common.
Trifles, such as we present modern friends withal. *Shakespeare*.
The justice
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances. *Shakespeare*.
We have our philosophical persons to make modern and familiar things supernatural and causeless. *Shakespeare*.
MODERN. *n. f.* Those who have lived lately, opposed to the ancients.

There are moderns who, with a slight variation, adopt the opinion of Plato. *Boyle on Colours*.
Some by old words to fame have made pretence;
Ancients in phrase, mere moderns in their sense! *Pope*.
MODERNISM. *n. f.* [from *modern*.] Deviation from the ancient and classical manner. A word invented by Swift.
Scribblers send us over their trash in prose and verse, with abominable curtailings and quaint modernisms. *Swift*.
To MODERNISE. *v. a.* [from *modern*.] To adapt ancient compositions to modern persons or things; to change ancient to modern language.

MODEST. *adj.* [from *modeste*, Fr. *modestus*, Latin.]
MODERNNESS. *n. f.* [from *modern*.] Novelty.
1. Not arrogant; not presumptuous; not boastful; bashful.
A soldier should be modest as a maid. *Young*.

2. Not impudent; not forward.
Resolve me with all modest haste, which way
Thou might'st deserve, or they impose this usage. *Shakespeare*.
Her face, as in a nymph, display'd
A fair fierce boy, or in a boy betray'd.
The blushing beauties of a modest maid. *Dryden's Ovid*.
3. Not loose; not unchaste.
Mrs. Ford, the honest woman, the modest wife, the virtuous creature, that hath the jealous fool to her husband.

Shakespeare, Merry Wives of Windsor.
4. Not excessive; not extreme; moderate; within a mean.
There appears much joy in him, even so much that joy could not shew itself modest enough without a badge of bitterness. *Shakespeare, Much ado about nothing*.
During the last four years, by a modest computation, there have been brought into Great Britain six millions sterling in ballion.

MODESTLY. *adv.* [from *modest*.]
1. Not arrogantly; not presumptuously.
Though learn'd, well bred; and though well bred, sincere.

Pope.
I may modestly conclude, that whatever errors there may be in this play, there are not those which have been objected to it. *Dryden's Don Sebastian*.

First he modestly conjectures,
His pupil might be tir'd with lectures;
Which help'd to mortify his pride,
Yet gave him not the heart to chide. *Swift's Miscel.*

2. Not impudently; not forwardly; with modesty.
I, your glass,
Will modestly discover to yourself
That of yourself, which yet you know not of. *Shakespeare*.

3. Not loosely; not lewdly.
4. Not excessively; with moderation.
MODESTY. *n. f.* [from *modestus*, Fr. *modestus*, Latin.]

1. Not arrogance; not presumptuousness.
They cannot, with modesty, think to have found out absolutely the best which the wit of men may devise. *Hooker*.

2. Not impudence; not forwardness.
3. Moderation; decency.
A lord will hear you play;
But I am doubtful of your modesties,
Left over eying of his odd behaviour,
You break into some merry passion. *Shakespeare*.

4. Chastity; purity of manners.
Would you not swear,
All you that see her, that she were a maid,
By these exterior shews? But she is more,
Her blush is guiltiness, not modesty. *Shakespeare*.

Of the general character of women, which is modesty, he has taken a most becoming care; for his amorous expressions go no farther than virtue may allow. *Dryden*.

Talk not to a lady in a way that modesty will not permit her to answer. *Clarissa*.

MODESTY-BEE. *n. f.*
A narrow lace which runs along the upper part of the stays before, being a part of the tucker, is called the modesty-piece. *Addison's Guard*. N° 118.

MODICUM. *n. f.* [Latin.] Small portion; pittance.
What modicum of wit he utters; his evasions have ears thus long. *Shakespeare, Troil. and Cressida*.

A cruise of water, and an ear of corn,
Yet still they grudge'd that modicum. *Dryden*.

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MODIFIABLE. *adj.* [from *modifiable*.] That may be diversified by accidental differences.

It appears to be more difficult to conceive a distinct, visible image in the uniform, invariable, essence of God, than in variously modifiable matter; but the manner how I see either will escapes my comprehension. *Locke*.

MODIFIABLE. *adj.* [from *modifiable*.] Diversifiable by various modes.
MODIFICATION. *n. f.* [from *modification*, French.] The act of modifying any thing, or giving it new accidental differences of form or mode.

The chief of all signs is human voice, and the several modifications thereof by the organs of speech, viz. the letters of the alphabet, formed by the several motions of the mouth. *Holder's Elements of Speech*.

The phenomena of colours in refracted or reflected light, are not caused by new modifications of the light variously impressed, according to the various terminations of the light and shadow. *Newton's Optics*.

If these powers of cogitation, volition and sensation, are neither inherent in matter as such, nor acquirable to matter by any motion and modification of it, it necessarily follows that they proceed from some cognitive substance, some incorporeal inhabitant within us, which we call spirit. *Bentley*.

To MODIFY. *v. a.* [from *modifier*, French.]
1. To change the form or accidents of any thing; to shape.
Yet there is that property in all letters, of aptness to be conjoined in syllables and words through the voluble motions of the organs, that they modify and discriminate the voice without appearing to discontinue it. *Holder*.

The middle parts of the broad beam of white light which fell upon the paper, did, without any confine of shadow to modify it, become coloured all over with one uniform colour, the colour being always the same in the middle of the paper as at the edges. *Newton's Optics*.

2. To soften; to moderate.
After all this dancating and modifying upon the matter, there is hazard on the yielding side. *L'Estrange*.

Of his grace
He modifies his first severe decree,
The keener edge of battle to rebate. *Dryden*.

MODIFICATION. *n. f.* [French; *modification*, Lat.]
Modifications, in architecture, are little brackets which are often set under the Corinthian and composite orders, and serve to support the projection of the former or drip; this part must be distinguished from the great model, which is the diameter of the pillar; for, as the proportion of an edifice in general depends on the diameter of the pillar, so the size and number of the modillions, as also the interval between them, ought to have due relation to the whole fabric. *Harris*.

The modillions or dentelli make a noble show by their graceful projections. *Spectator*, N° 415.

MODISH. *adj.* [from *mode*.] Fashionable; formed according to the reigning custom.

But you, perhaps, expect a modish feast,
With am'rous songs, and wanton dances grac'd. *Dryd*.
Hypocrisy, at the fashionable end of the town, is very different from hypocrisy in the city; the modish hypocrite endeavours to appear more virtuous than he really is, the other kind of hypocrite more virtuous. *Addison's Spect.* N° 399.

MODISHLY. *adv.* [from *modish*.] Fashionably.
Young children should not be much perplexed about putting off their hats, and making legs modishly. *Locke*.

MODISHNESS. *n. f.* [from *modish*.] Affectation of the fashion.
To MODULATE. *v. a.* [from *modulus*, Latin.] To form found to a certain key, or to certain notes.

The nose, lips, teeth, palate, jaw, tongue, weafan, lungs, muscles of the chest, diaphragm, and muscles of the belly, all serve to make or modulate the found. *Grew's Optics*.

Could any person so modulate her voice as to deceive to many. *Broom's Notes on the Olfactory*.

Echo propagates around
Each charm of modulated found. *Anon*.

MODULATION. *n. f.* [from *modulus*; *modulation*, Fr.]
1. The act of forming any thing to certain proportion.
The number of the simple original minerals have not been rightly fixt: the matter of two or more kinds being mixed together, and by the different proportion and modulation of that matter variously diversified, have been reputed all different kinds. *Woodward*.

The speech, as it is a found resulting from the modulation of the air, has most affinity to the spirit, but, as it is uttered by the tongue, has immediate cognation with the body, and so is the fittest instrument to manage a commerce between the invisible powers of human souls clothed in flesh. *Government of the Tongue*.

2. Sound modulated; agreeable harmony.
Innumerable songsters, in the freshening shade,
Their modulations mix, mellifluous. *Thomson's Spring*.

MODULATOR. *n. f.*

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MODULATOR. *n. f.* [from *modulate*.] He who forms sounds to a certain key; a tuner; that which modulates.

The tongue is the grand instrument of taste, the faithful judge of all our nourishment, the artful modulator of our voice, and the necessary servant of mastication. *Dryden*.

MODULUS. *n. f.* [from *modulus*, Latin.] An empty representation; a model.
My heart hath one poor string to stay it by,
Which holds but till thy news be uttered;
And then, all this thou seest, is but a clod
And made of confounded royalty. *Shakespeare, King John*.

MODUS. *n. f.* [Latin.] Something paid as a compensation for tithes on the supposition of being a moderate equivalent.
One terrible circumstance of this bill, is turning the tithe of flax and hemp into what the lawyers call a *modus*, or a certain sum in lieu of a tenth part of the product. *Swift*.

MODWALL. *n. f.* A bird.
MOE. *adj.* [Ima, Saxon. See *Mo*.] More; a greater number.
The chronicles of England mention no *more* than only fix kings bearing the name of Edward since the conquest, therefore it cannot be there should be more. *Hooker*, b. ii.

MOHAIR. *n. f.* [Imhoire, moire, Fr.] Thread or stuff made of camels or other hair.
She, while her lover pants upon her breast,
Can mark the figures on an Indian cheet,
And when she sees her friend in deep despair,
Observes how much a chintz exceeds mohair. *Pope*.

MOHOCK. *n. f.* The name of a cruel nation of America given to ruffians who infested, or rather were imagined to infest, the streets of London.
From milk-sop he starts up mohock. *Prior*.

Who has not trembled at the mohock's name? *Gay*.
Thou hast fallen upon me with the rage of a mad dog, or a mohock. *Dennis*.

MODERED. *adj.* Crazy.
MODIORE. *n. f.* [Imode, Fr.] A Portugal coin, rated at one pound seven fillings.

MOIEU. *n. f.* [moitie, French, from *moien*, the middle.] Half; one of two equal parts.
This company being divided into two equal moieties, the one before, the other since the coming of Christ; that part which, since the coming of Christ, partly hath embraced, and partly still embrace, the Christian religion, we term as by a more proper name, the church of Christ. *Hooker*, b. iii.

The death of Antony
Is not a single doom, in that name lay
A moiety of the world. *Shakespeare, Ant. and Cleopatra*.

Say, that she were gone,
Given to the fire, a moiety of my rest
Might come to me. *Shakespeare, Winter's Tale*.

I touch'd with human gentleness and love,
Forgive a moiety of the principal. *Shakespeare*.

The militia was settled, a moiety of which should be nominated by the king, and the other moiety by the parliament. *Gl.*
As this is likely to produce a cessation of arms among one half of our island, it is reasonable that the more beautiful moiety of his majesty's subjects should establish a truce. *Addison*.

To MOIL. *v. a.* [mailler, French.]
1. To dawb with dirt.
All they which were left were mailed with dirt and mire by reason of the deepness of the rotten way. *Kneller*.

2. To weary.
No more tug one another thus, nor moul yourselves, receive
Prize equal. *Chapman's Illiad*.

To MOIL. *v. n.* [mailler, French.]
1. To labour in the mire.
Moil not too much under-ground, for the hope of mines is very uncertain. *Bacon's Essays*.

2. To toil; to drudge.
They toil and moil for the interest of their masters, that in requital break their hearts; and the freer they are of their flesh, the more scandalous is the bondage. *L'Estrange*.

Oh the endless misery of the life I lead! cries the moiling husband; to spend all my days in ploughing. *L'Estrange*.

Now he must moil, and drudge, for one he loathes. *Dry*.
With these twas Marian's dear delight
To moil all day, and merry-make at night. *Gay's Post*.

MOIST. *adj.* [moiste, moite, French.]
4. Wet, not dry; wet, not liquid; wet in a small degree.
Why were the moist in number so outdone,
That to a thousand dry they are but one. *Blackmore*.

Many who live well in a dry air, fall into all the diseases that depend upon a relaxation in a moist one. *Arbutnot*.

Not yet, when moist Arcturus clouds the sky,
The woods and fields their pleasing toils deny. *Pope*.

2. Juicy; succulent.
To MOIST. *v. a.* [from *moist*.] To make damp; to make
To MOISTEN. *v. a.* [from *moisten*.] To make damp; to make
Write till your ink be dry; and with your tears
Moist it again; and frame some feeling line. *Shakespeare*.

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His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. *Job* xxi. 24.

A pipe a little moistened on the inside, so as there be no drops left, maketh a more solemn found than if the pipe were dry. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.* N° 230.

When torrents from the mountains fall no more, the swelling river is reduced into his shallow bed, with scarce water to moisten his own pebbles. *Dryden's Zen*.

MOISTENER. *n. f.* [from *moisten*.] The person or thing that moistens.
MOISTNESS. *n. f.* [from *moist*.] Dampness; wetness in a small degree.

Pleasure both kinds take in the moistness and density of the air. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.* N° 823.

The small particles of brick or stone the least moistness would join together. *Addison's Guard*.

MOISTURE. *n. f.* [moiteur, Fr. from *moist*.] Small quantity of water or liquid.
Sometimes angling to a little river near hand, which, for the moisture it belov'd upon roots of some flourishing trees, was rewarded with their shadow. *Sidney*.

All my body's moisture
Scarce serves to quench my furnace-burning heat. *Shak*.
Set such plants as require much moisture upon sandy, dry grounds. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.* N° 526.

While dryness moisture, coldness heat refits,
All that we have, and that we are, subsists. *Denham*.
If some penurious source by chance appear'd
Scanty of waters, when you scoop'd it dry,
And offer'd the full helmet up to Cato,
Did he not dash th' untasted moisture from him. *Addison*.

MOKE of a net. The meshes. *Ansf*.
MO'KY. *adj.* Dark; as, *mo'ky* weather. *Ansf*. It seems a corruption of murky; and in some places they call it muggy, dully.

MOLE. *n. f.* [moel, Saxon; *mole*, Fr. *mola*, Lat.]
1. A mole is a formless concretion of extravasated blood, which grows into a kind of flesh in the uterus, and is called a false conception. *Quincy*.

2. A natural spot or discolouration of the body.
To nourish hair upon the mole of the face, is the perpetuation of a very ancient custom. *Brown's Vulgar Errours*.

Such in painting are the warts and moles, which adding a likeness to the face, are not therefore to be omitted. *Dryden*.
That Timothy Trim and Jack were the same person, was proved, particularly by a mole under the left pap. *Arbutnot*.

The peculiarities in Homer are marks and moles, by which every common eye distinguishes him. *Pope*.
3. [From *mole*, Lat. *mole*, Fr.] A mound; a dyke.
Sion is streighten'd on the north side by the sea-raised wall of the mole. *Sandys*.

With asphaltick slime the gather'd beach
They fasten'd; and the mole immense wrought on
Over the foaming deep high arch'd; a bridge
Of length prodigious. *Milton's Par. Lost*, b. x.

The great quantities of stones dug out of the rock could not easily conceal themselves, had they not been consumed in the moles and buildings of Naples. *Addison on Italy*.

Bid the broad arch the dangerous flood contain,
The mole projected break the roaring main. *Pope*.

4. A little beast that works under-ground.
Tread softly, that the blind mole may not
Hear a foot fall; we now are near his cell. *Shakespeare*.

What is more obvious than a mole, and yet what more palpable argument of Providence? *Mor*.

Moles have perfect eyes, and holes for them through the skin, not much bigger than a pin's head. *Ray on the Creation*.
Thy arts of building from the bee receive;
Learn of the mole to plow, the worm to weave. *Pope*.

MOLEBAT. *n. f.* A fish.
MOLECAST. *n. f.* [mole and cast.] Hillock cast up by a mole.
In Spring let the molecasts be spread, because they hinder the mowers. *Mortimer's Husbandry*.

MOLE-CATCHER. *n. f.* [mole and catcher.] One whose employment is to catch moles.
Get molecatcher cunningly moule for to kill,
And harrow and cast abroad every hill. *Tusser's Husb.*

MOLEHILL. *n. f.* [mole and hill.] Hillock thrown up by the mole working underground.
You feed your solitariness with the conceits of the poets, whose liberal pens can as easily travel over mountains as molehills. *Sidney*.

The rocks, on which the salt-sea billows beat,
And Atlas' tops, the clouds in height that pass,
Compar'd to his huge person molehills be. *Fairfax*.
A churchwarden, to express Saint Martin's in the Fields, caused to be engraved a martin sitting upon a molehill between two trees. *Peachment on Blazening*.

Our politician having baffled conscience, must not be nonplused with inferior obligations; and, having leapt over such mountains, lie down before a molehill. *Saith's Sermons*.
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Mountains,